

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL
COMBINED COMMITTEES
HELD MAY 3, 2012**

A public meeting of the Arizona Geographic Information Council Combined Committees was convened at 10:00 a.m., on May 3, 2012, at the Arizona State Land Department, Phoenix, AZ.

The following Arizona Geographic Information Committee members were present at the meeting:

Eugene Trobia, Arizona State Cartographer's Office
Dave Minkel, National Geodetic Survey
Victor Gass, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Steve Whitney, Tucson Area GIS Cooperative
Stephanie Washington, Arizona Department of Education
Boyd Larkin, Arizona Department of Revenue
Kevin Blake, Northern Arizona Geographic Information Forum
Tom Elder, City of Phoenix
Jeff Wilkerson, Arizona Department of Transportation
Jim Meyers, Arizona Department of Transportation
Mark Flahart, Arizona Department of Transportation
Tim Colman, Arizona State Cartographer's Office

The following members called into the meeting:

Tim Smothers, League of Arizona Cities and Towns
Candace Bogart, U.S. Forest Service
Nicole Eiden, Arizona Department of Game and Fish
Brian Brady, Yuma Regional Geographic Information System
Jana Hutchins, Arizona State University
Aaron Seifert, Private
Wolfgang Grunberg, Arizona Department of Game and Fish
Patti Wright, BIA

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

I. Call To Order: Brian Brady called the Council to order at 10:00 a.m

II. Budget Update

Gene gave an update on the status of applicants for AGIC and the data sheet he put together for the governor's office. Mostly ready to go, but trying to put final touches on it to submit.

III. Committee Reports

The AGIC combined committees heard oral reports from committee and working group chairpersons. Brian Brady facilitated the committee reports.

1. Administration and Legal Committee Report

Steve gave a report of the GIS Licensure panel at the APLS meeting last week

Jack Avis, APLS founding member, now in TX, gave a report on what happened in Texas. He said there they were trying to register GIS folks out of fear. He showed a concentric circle diagram showing how broad the practice of GIS was. So how can you license all of that. Jack noted that in Texas, like in Arizona, we have been working to note that the use of the data is more important than registering individuals.

Attendees pointed out that there is a need for standards and guidelines, move away from more registration, need for more education, national guidelines or certification, although not a lot of support for GISP.

A lot of attention focused on data and the use of the data. Again education was a main issue. Cross professional education, information about products, services and data. Reducing the misuse of data was identified as important. APLS, like AGIC, is all volunteer, so things don't move very quickly. So we should study the issues over the next year, attend each other profession's conferences and develop a response to the BTR regarding registration.

Dave noted that those who commented on GISP were those who were grandfathered in and did not think it was necessarily worthwhile. Gene added that surveyors tended to agree that it was more about the purpose and use of the data than the registration of GIS professionals.

2. *Data Committee Report*

Jana gave an update on the AGIC web site. Need for more review of the site. We will review the site as a group, leadership and committee chairs plus volunteers to review and finalize the site. Need to finish by the Conference. Jana will schedule the meeting.

Jana also reported on the data sharing draft and noted that she was integrating the notes and edits into the document. We are trying to focus on the document before we implement a clearinghouse with data for distribution.

Gene gave an update on Addresses, for AZ and national. Also talked about TFTN.

3. *Administration and Legal Committee*

Steve gave an update on the AGIC Conference. It will be held in Prescott and planning is ongoing. There will be a Centennial theme. Keynote is Dr. Jeramy Rose, he will talk about ... He requested that GIS folks distribute information about the conference to other professions to expand participation. The schedule does conflict with SWUG.

IV. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.